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Towards exa-scale ocean simulation

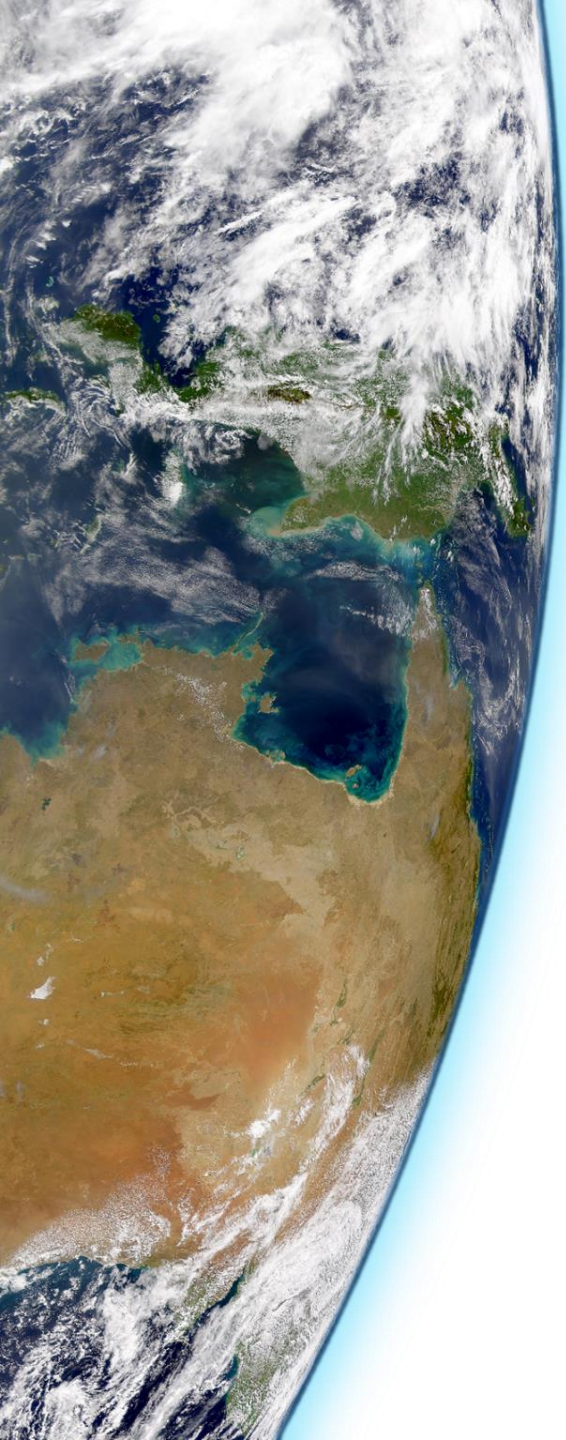
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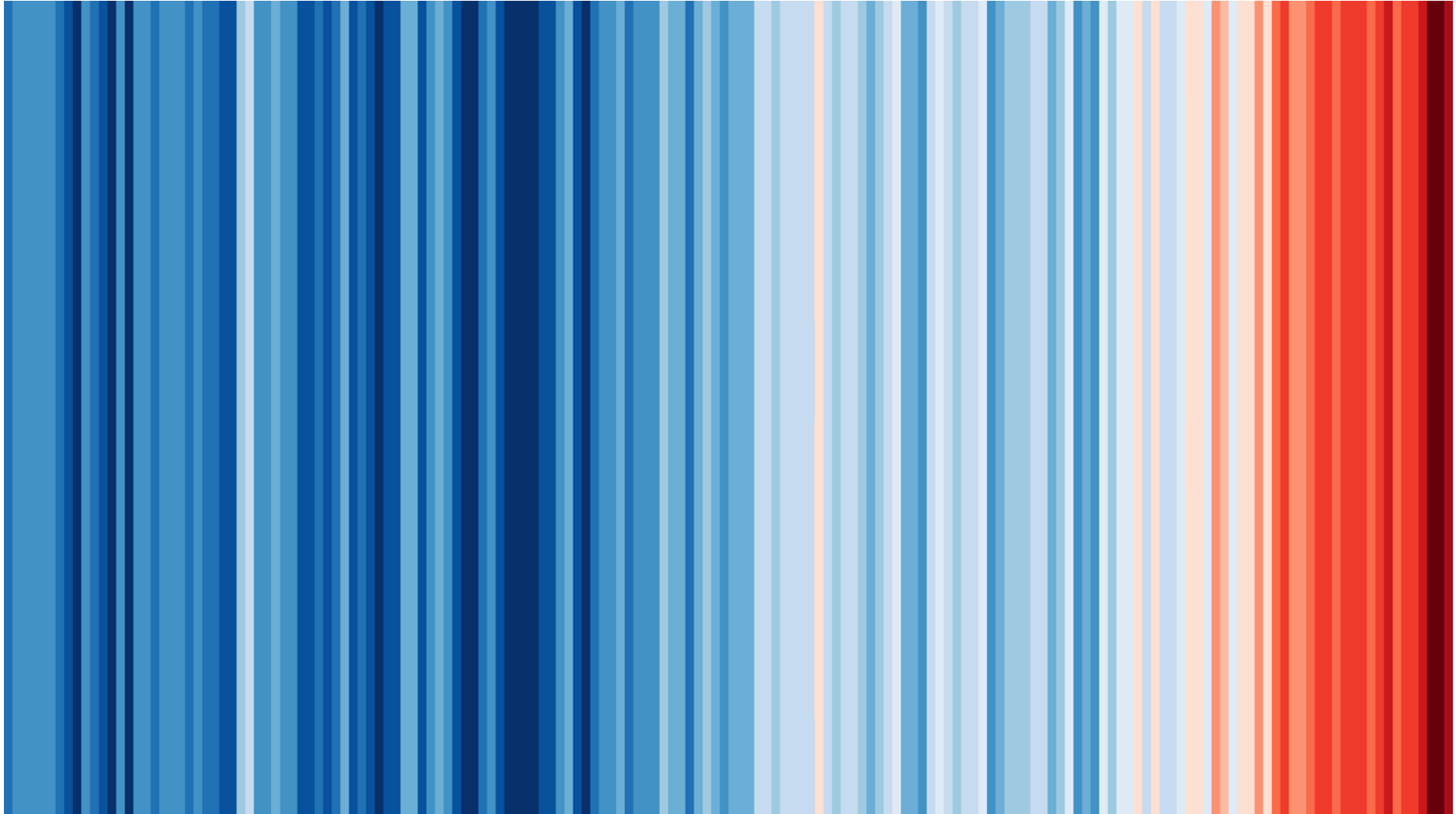
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Outline

- Introduction
- Challenges
- Work done
- Future Plans

Motivation



Motivation

- Climate is changing.

that
catastrophic
happening to
mankind.

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Environmental Research Letters



REPLY

Consensus on consensus: a synthesis of consensus estimates on human-caused global warming

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Climate change

There will always be as complex as strong evidence occurring. The of rising surface temperatures average globally to many physical most of the way to human activities led to changes

The existence of vital to life on temperatures than they are atmospheric carbon and nitrous oxide. Carbon dioxide 1750 to over 3 levels that can years). Increased temperatures approximately century. The IPCC project temperatures centigrade degrees levels, by 2100

Reduce the

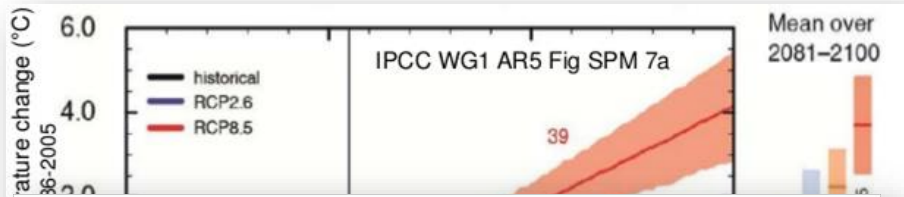
The scientific community is sufficiently clear that all can take now reduction in

Action taken now to reduce significantly the build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will lessen the magnitude and rate of climate change. As the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) recognises, a lack of full scientific certainty about some aspects of climate change is not a reason for delaying an immediate response that will, at a reasonable cost, prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.



Motivation

- Projections
- Impact analysis
- Adaptation to climate change.



now you see it

now you don't

Currently, **only computational models** have the **potential** to provide geographically and physically consistent estimates.

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Motivation

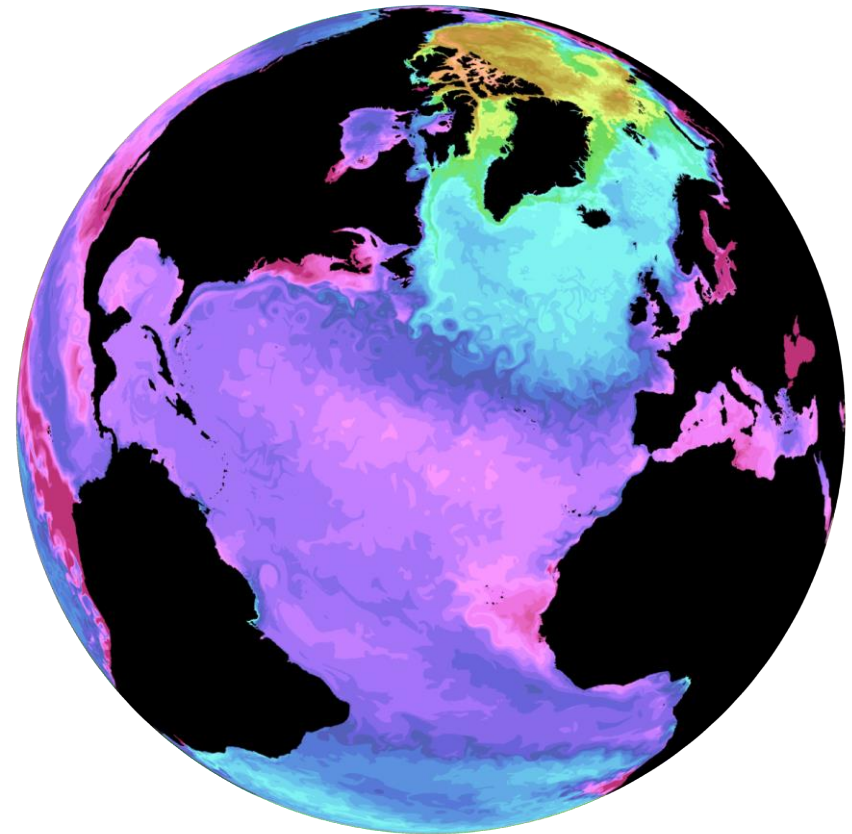
- The same models are used for both **weather and climate**.
- Weather models have a **huge value for society**.
- Improving the computational performance of these models pays back in several ways:
 - Saving resources.
 - Allowing new experiments:
 - Improving climate knowledge
 - Improving weather predictions



Nucleus for European Modeling of the Ocean (NEMO) is a **state-of-the-art** global ocean model

It is used in oceanographic research, operational oceanography, seasonal forecast and climate studies

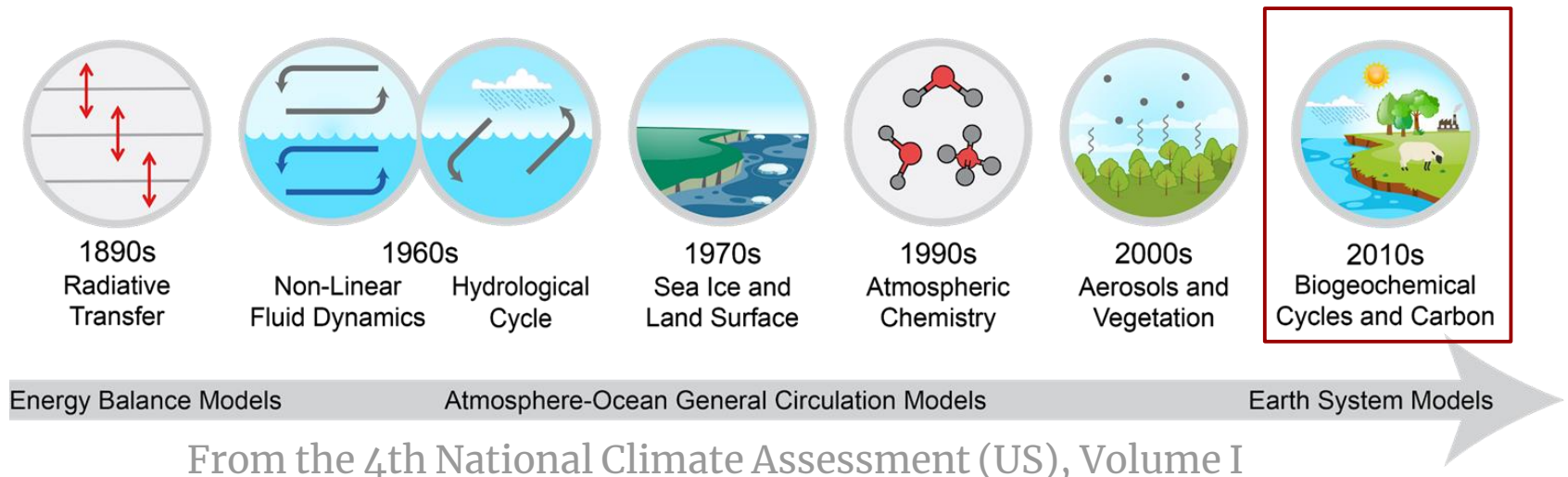
Includes several **sub-models**. Many of them can work in standalone version , many others need to be coupled



Sea Surface
Temperature
Chlorophyll
e Velocity

A climate modeling Timeline

Inclusion of new components

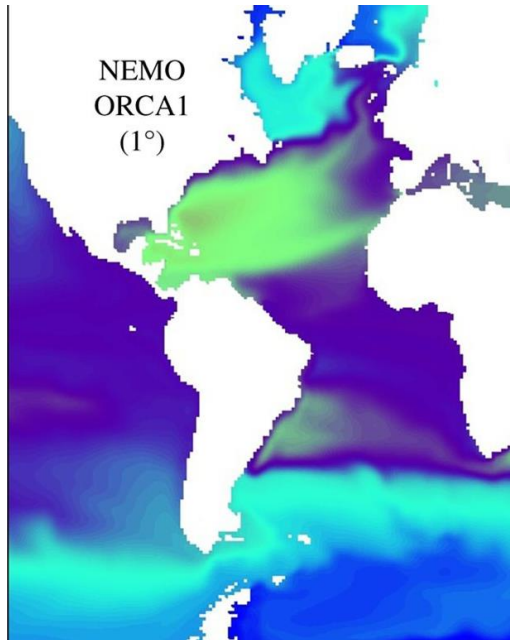


- Allowed the representation of new climate and biogeochemical processes
- Improved the ESMs ability to represent the real world
- Provides a new framework to investigate the interactions between the different components

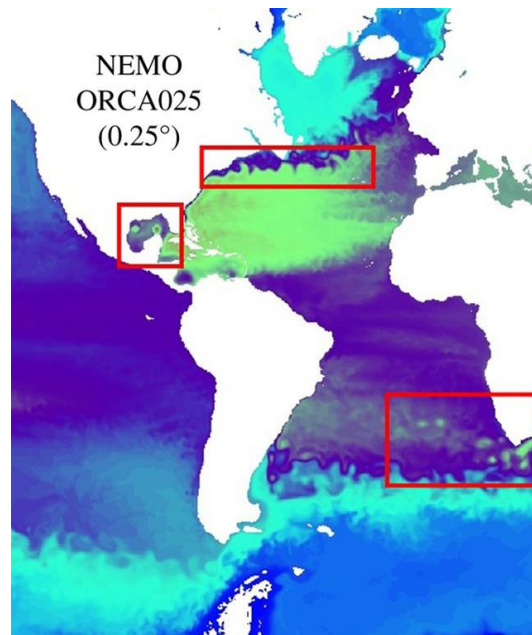
A climate modeling Timeline

Increase in spatial resolution: Ocean

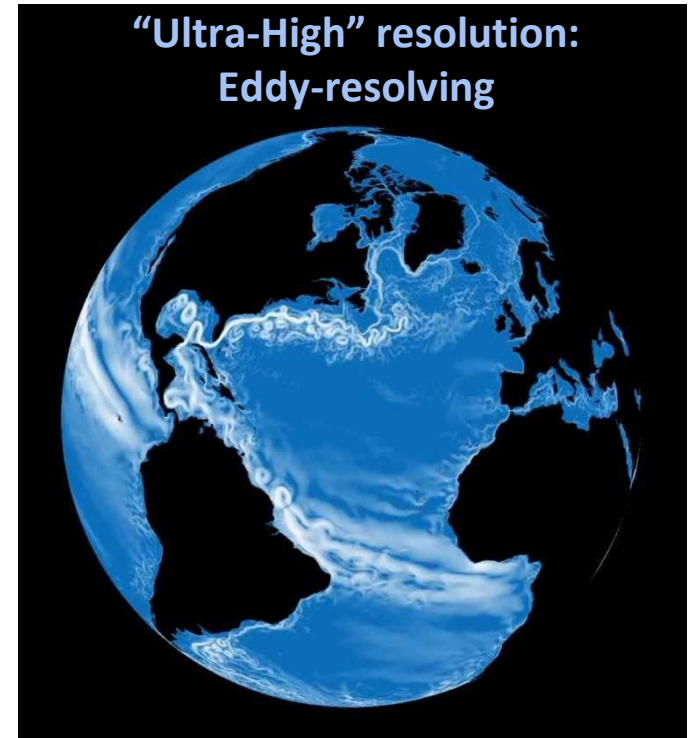
Standard
Resolution (1°)



High Resolution (0.25°)
Eddy-permitting



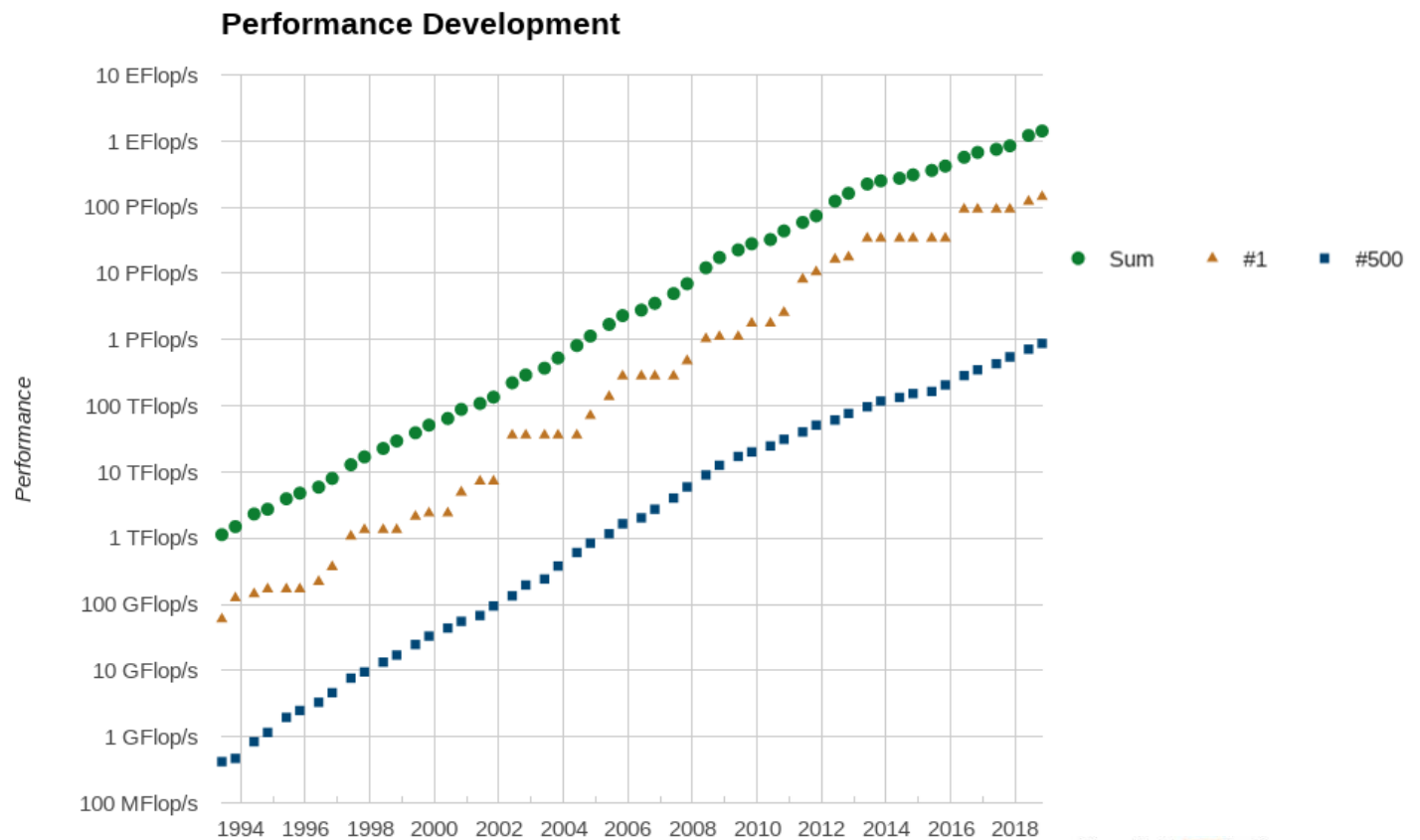
“Ultra-High” resolution:
Eddy-resolving



The improvements in ocean resolution translate in a better representation of eddies and ocean currents, which are key to describe realistically decadal variability in the ocean

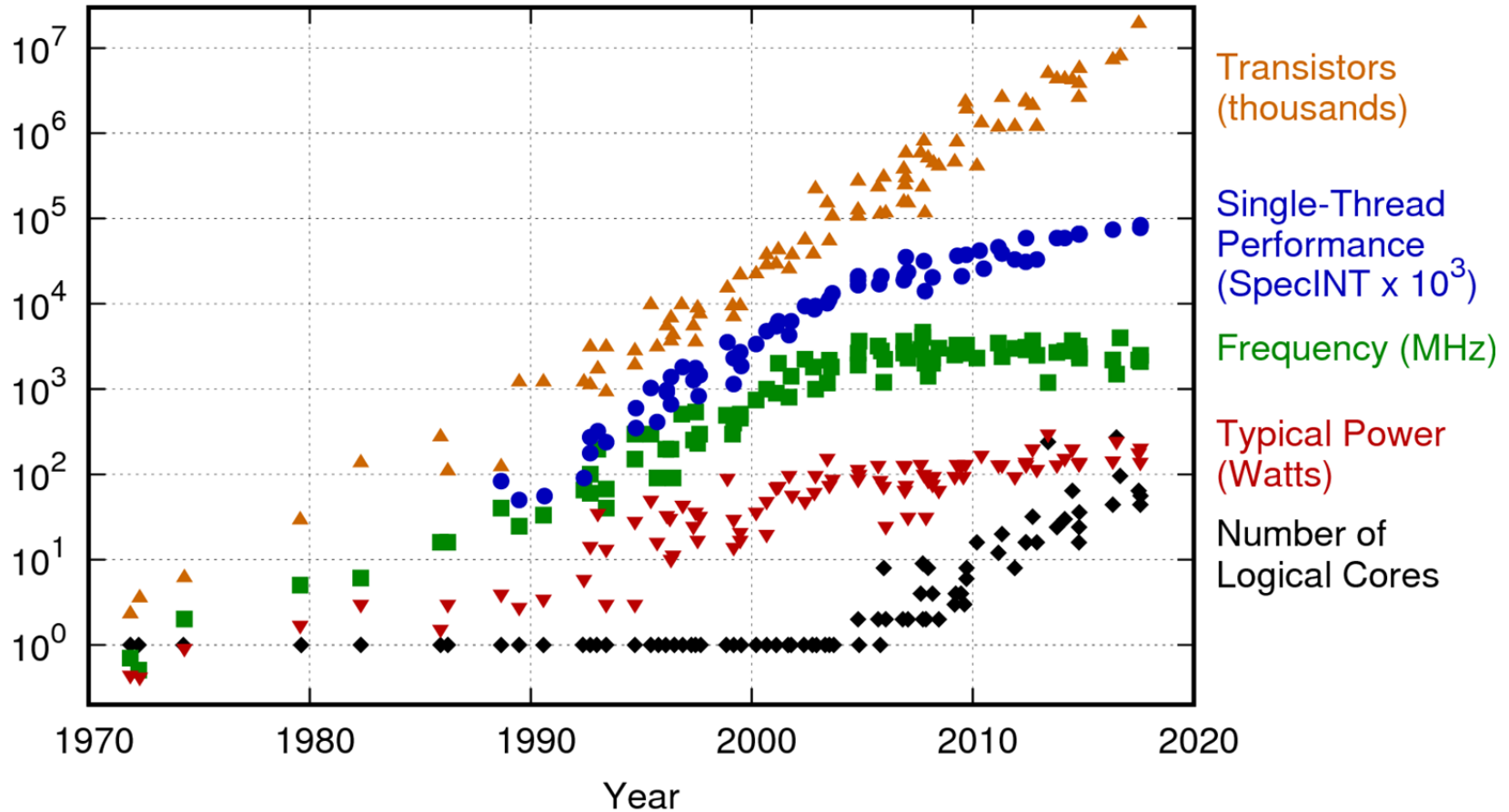
Challenges

TOP500 Ranking of most powerful supercomputers



Challenges

42 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data



Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten
New plot and data collected for 2010-2017 by K. Rupp

Challenges

- How to exploit exascale systems:
 - Synchronization-reducing algorithms.
 - Communication reducing algorithms.
 - Mixed Precision methods.
 - Autotuning.
 - Fault resilient algorithms.
 - Reproducibility.

Challenges

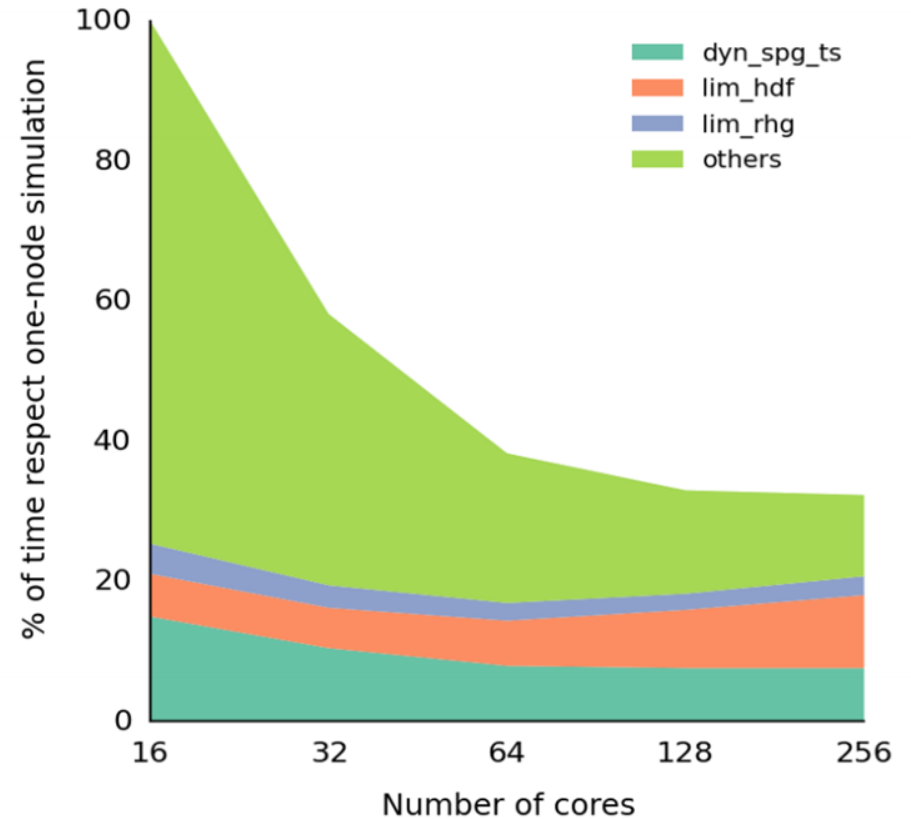
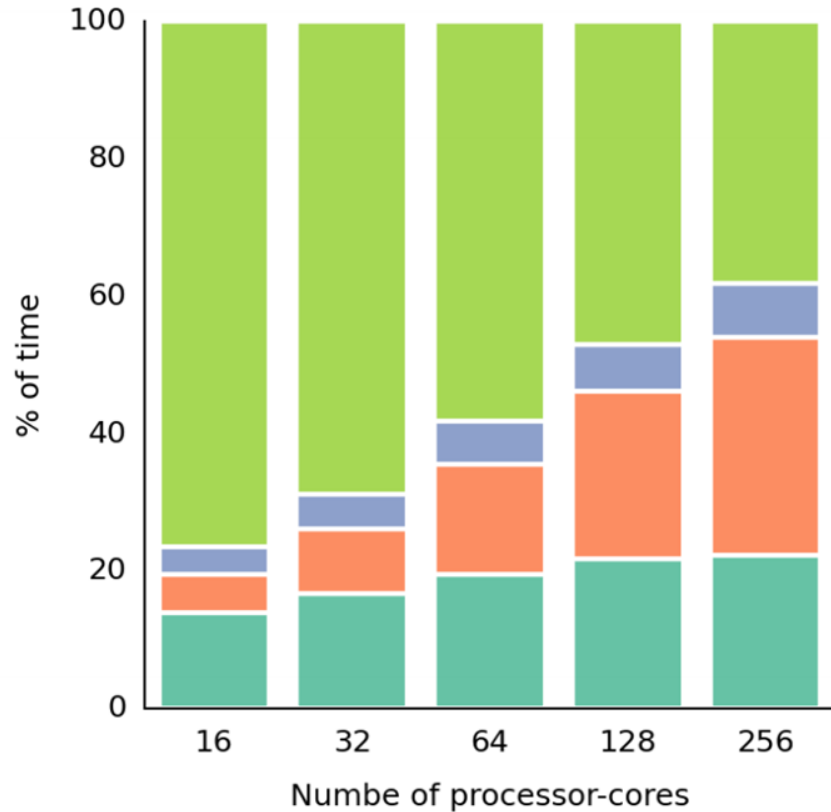
- Start from scratch to use better the resources?

Development cost of a climate model is estimated to be between 500-1000 person year.

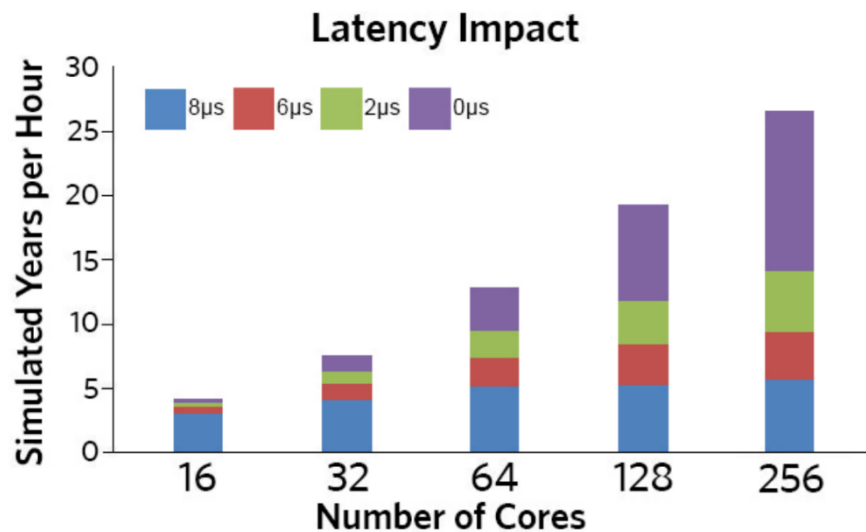
Most of models are community models and communities are reluctant to deep changes.

- Adapt the existing state-of-the-art models seems wiser choice!

Stress Test



Impact of Communication

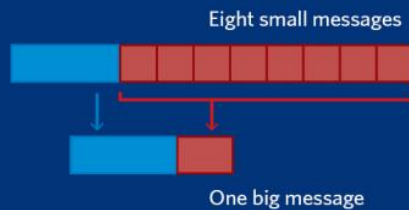


Optimizations

- Reduction of communication:
 - Message aggregation
 - Removing unnecessary collective communication

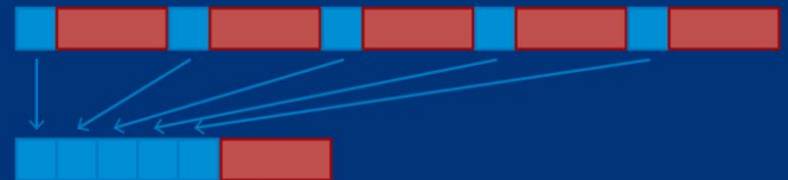
Optimizations

MESSAGE PACKING

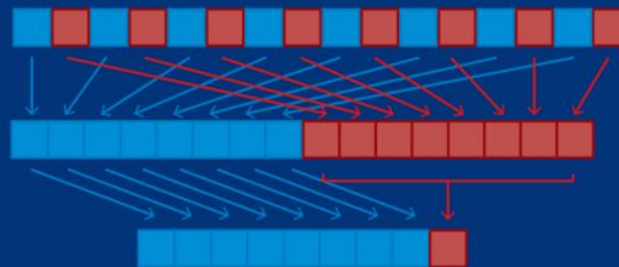


Computation 
Communication 

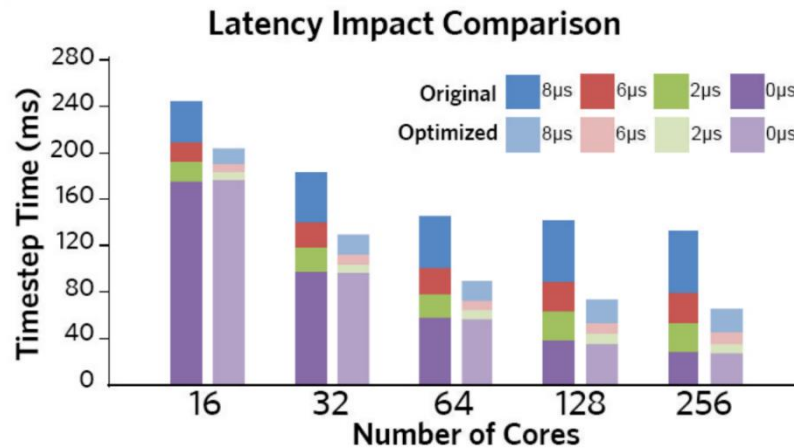
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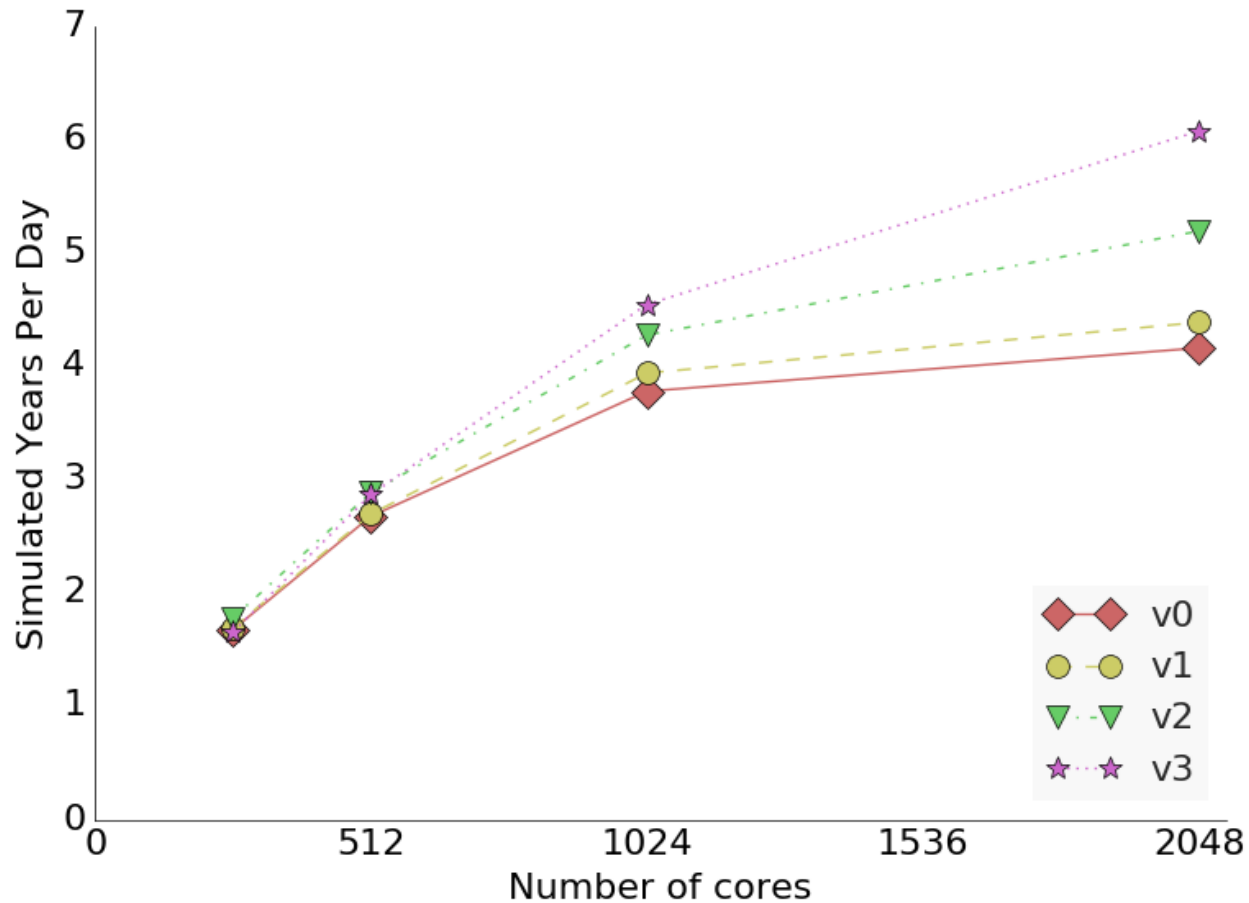
REORDERING



Optimization Impact



Optimization Impact on ORCA025 simulations



Impact of our work

- Our optimizations have been included and used from NEMO 3.6 . Hundreds of users around the world take profit of it and millions of computer hours are saved.
- Publication:
 - Finding, analysing and solving MPI communication bottlenecks in Earth System models - Journal of computational Science
(<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jocs.2018.04.015>)



Finding, analysing and solving MPI communication bottlenecks in Earth System models

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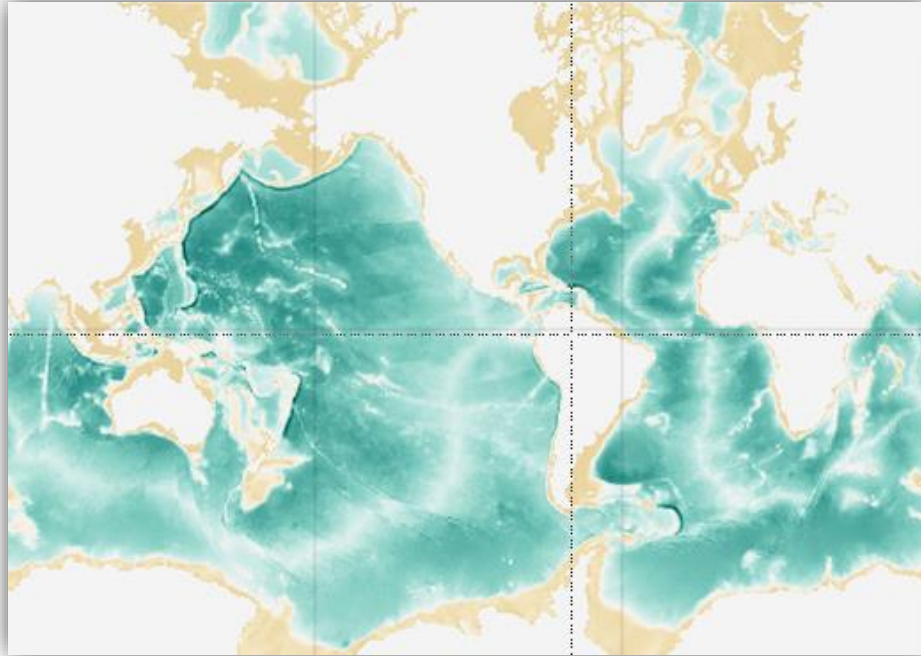
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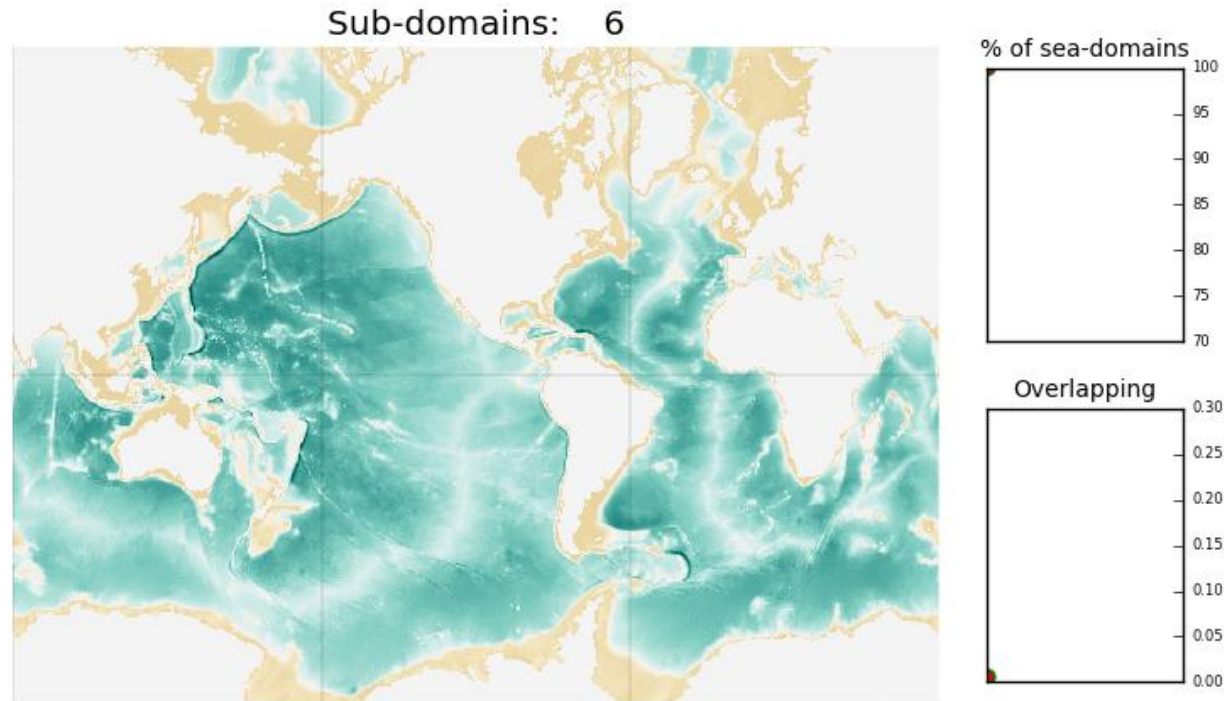
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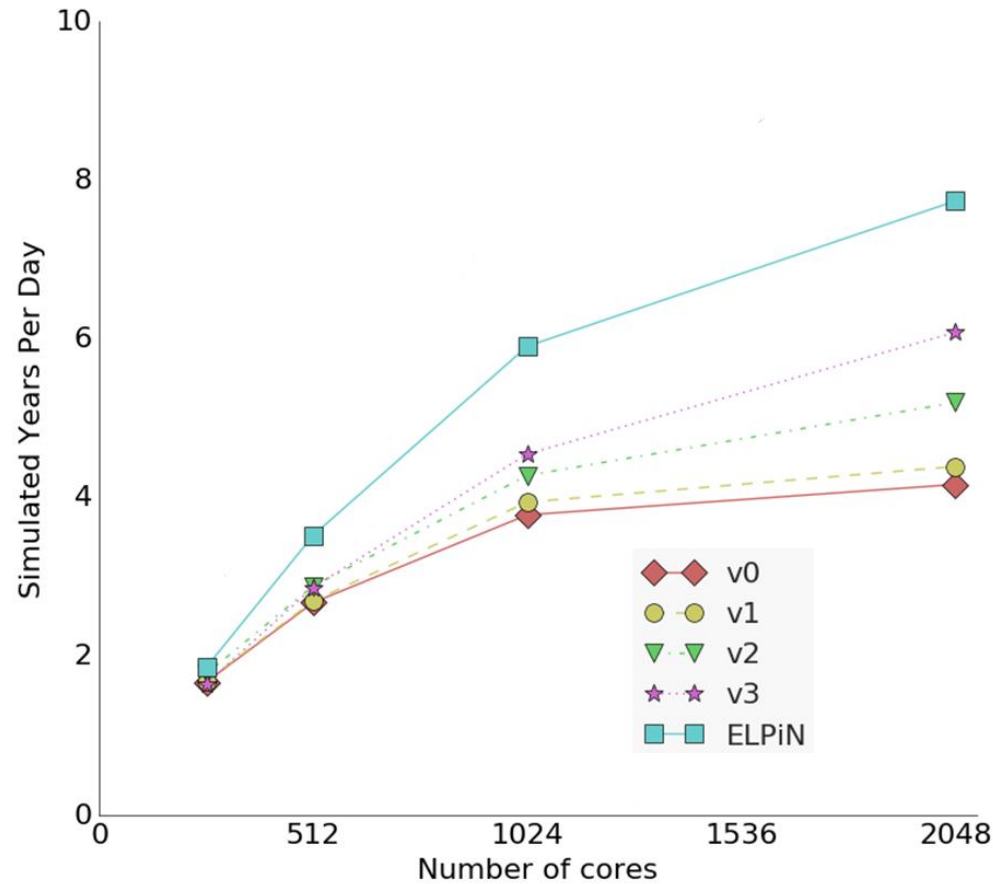
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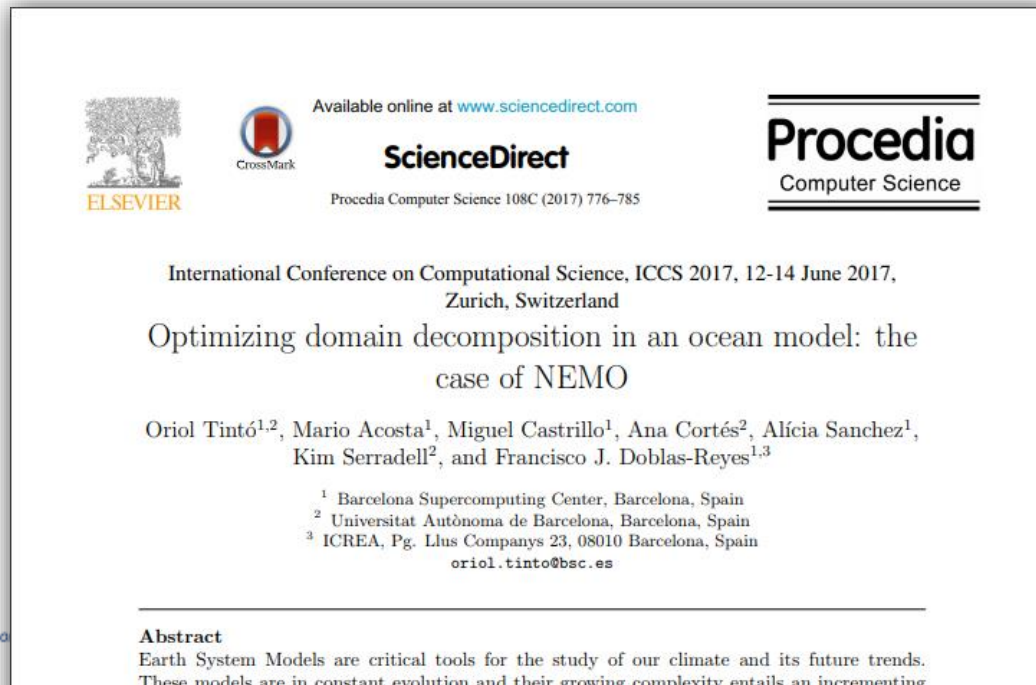
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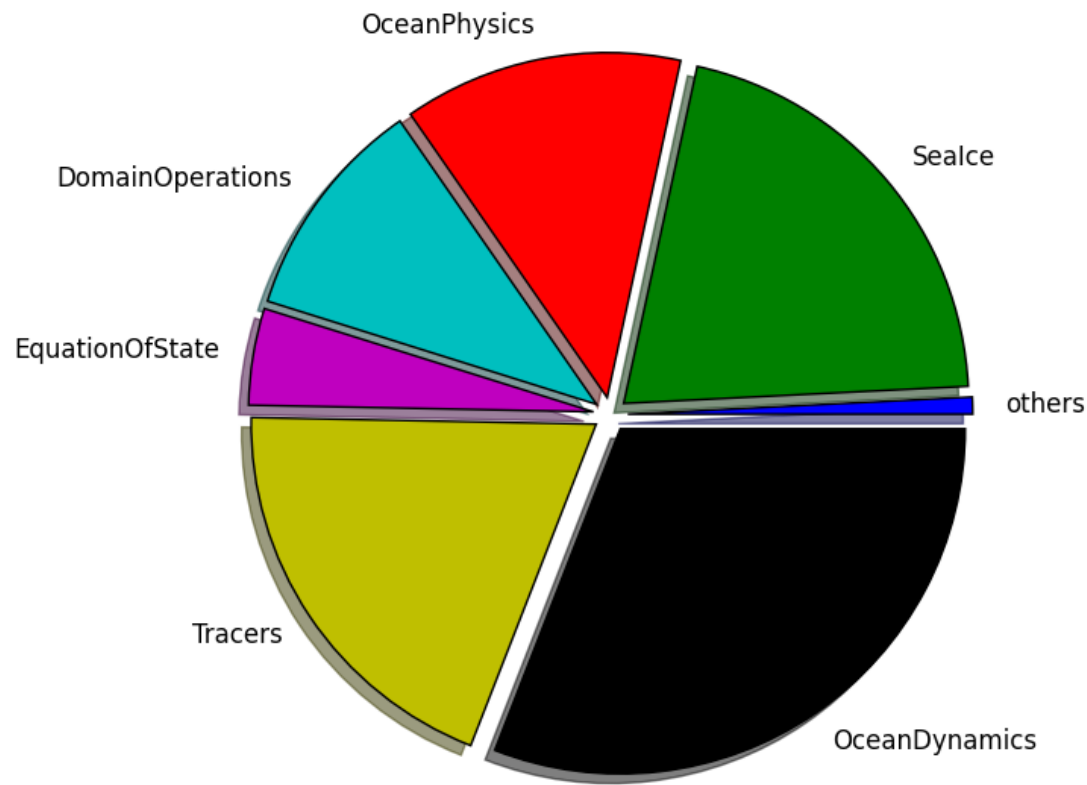


Impact of our work

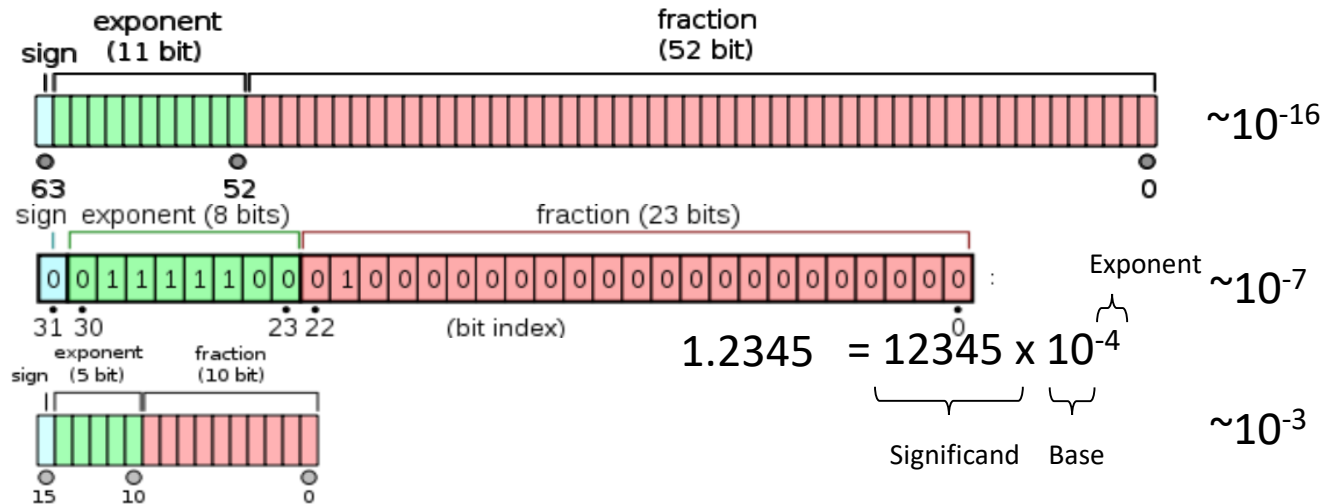
- This tool has been implemented in the EC-Earth **production** workflow. CMIP-6 simulations with EC-Earth will be using it and therefore saving millions of computing hours.
- Presented and published in proceedings of the **ICCS 2017 @ Zurich**



How to keep improving the model?



Exploring the use of mixed Precision



- Which precision is needed for the data that we want to represent?

Satellites can measure sea surface temperature with an uncertainty of 0.3 °C and surface wind with an uncertainty of 1 m/s.

- Remote Sensing of European Seas - V.Barale, M.Gad

$\sim 10^{-1}$

To represent data with this level of uncertainty, using **half-precision (16-bit)** should be enough. Instead, double precision (64-bit) is the standard.

Reduced Precision Emulator

- Fortran group, v

Overview

The library contains a derived type: `rpe_var`. This type can be used in place of real-valued variables to perform calculations with floating-point numbers represented with a reduced number of bits in the floating-point significand.

Basic use of the reduced-precision type

The `rpe_var` type is a simple container for a double precision floating point value. Using an `rpe_var` instance is as simple as declaring it and using it just as you would a real number:

```
TYPE(rpe_var) :: myvar  
  
myvar = 12  
myvar = myvar * 1.287  ! reduced-precision result is stored in `myvar`
```

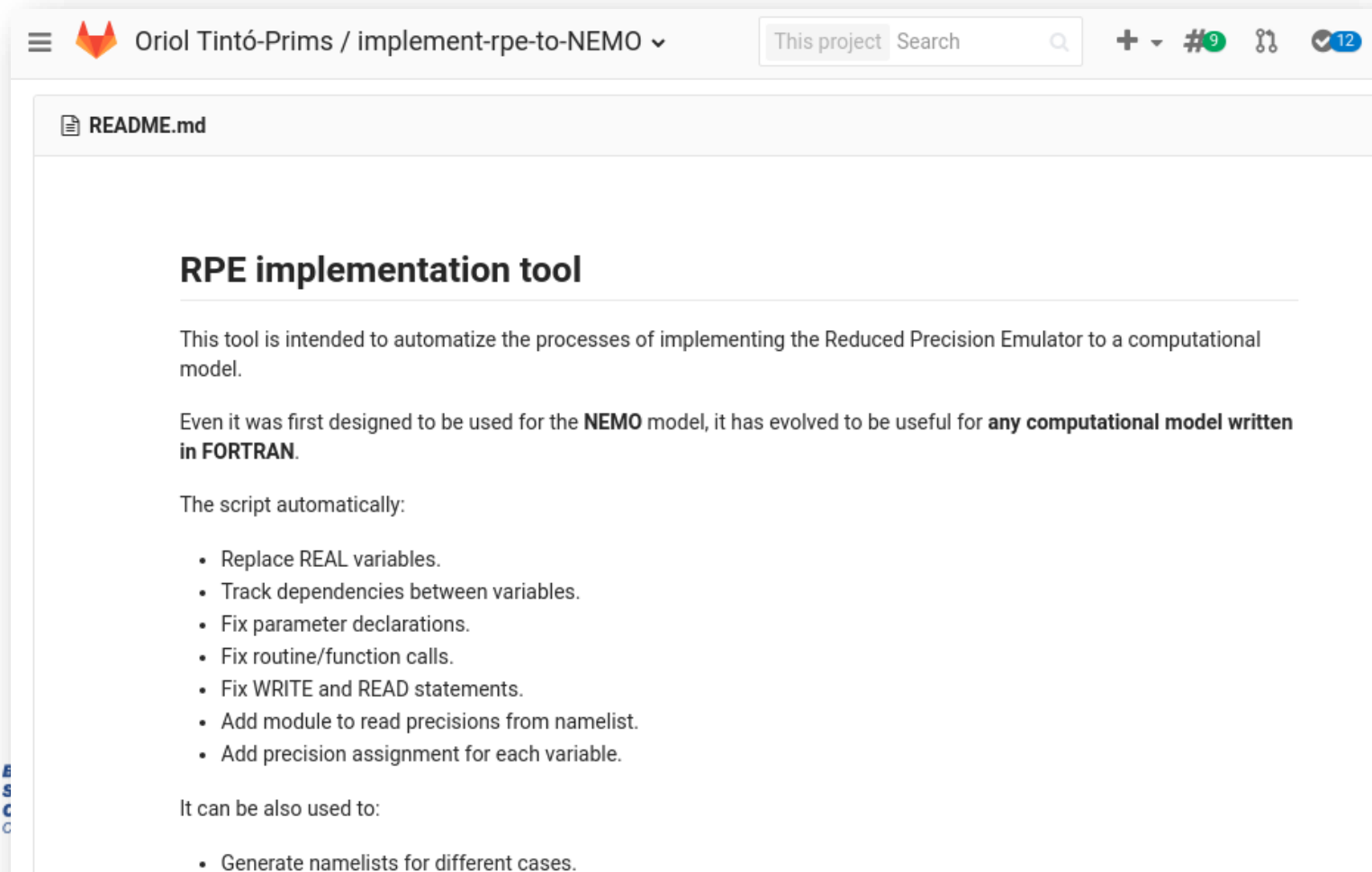
Controlling the precision

The precision used by reduced precision types can be controlled at two different levels. Each reduced precision variable has an `sbits` attribute which controls the number of explicit bits in its significand. This can be set independently for different variables, and comes into effect after it is explicitly set.

```
TYPE(rpe_var) :: myvar1  
TYPE(rpe_var) :: myvar2  
  
! Use 16 explicit bits in the significand of myvar1, but only 12 in the  
! significand of myvar2.  
myvar1%sbits = 16  
myvar2%sbits = 12
```


Implementing the emulator

- After some months lost manually implementing the emulator... a Python tool to automate the process was created.



The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'Oriol Tintó-Prims / implement-rpe-to-NEMO'. The repository name is visible in the header. Below the header, the 'README.md' file is open. The README content includes a title 'RPE implementation tool', a description of the tool's purpose, its history, and a list of features.

RPE implementation tool

This tool is intended to automatize the processes of implementing the Reduced Precision Emulator to a computational model.

Even it was first designed to be used for the **NEMO** model, it has evolved to be useful for **any computational model written in FORTRAN**.

The script automatically:

- Replace REAL variables.
- Track dependencies between variables.
- Fix parameter declarations.
- Fix routine/function calls.
- Fix WRITE and READ statements.
- Add module to read precisions from namelist.
- Add precision assignment for each variable.

It can be also used to:

- Generate namelists for different cases.

RPE in NEMO:

What we can do with it?

With a **single binary**, we can specify the number of significant bits used for each real variable declaration within the code through a **namelist**.

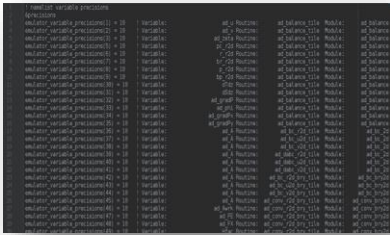
```

1  ! namelist variable precisions
2  $precisions
3  emulator_variable_precisions(1) = 10  ! Variable:      ad_u Routine:      ad_balance_tile Module:      ad_balance
4  emulator_variable_precisions(2) = 10  ! Variable:      ad_v Routine:      ad_balance_tile Module:      ad_balance
5  emulator_variable_precisions(3) = 10  ! Variable:      ad_zeta Routine:    ad_balance_tile Module:      ad_balance
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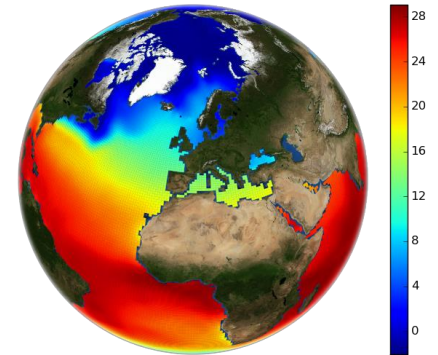
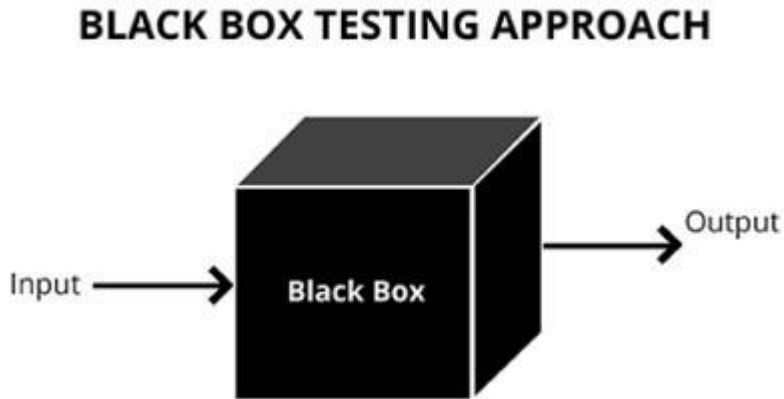
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Precision namelist



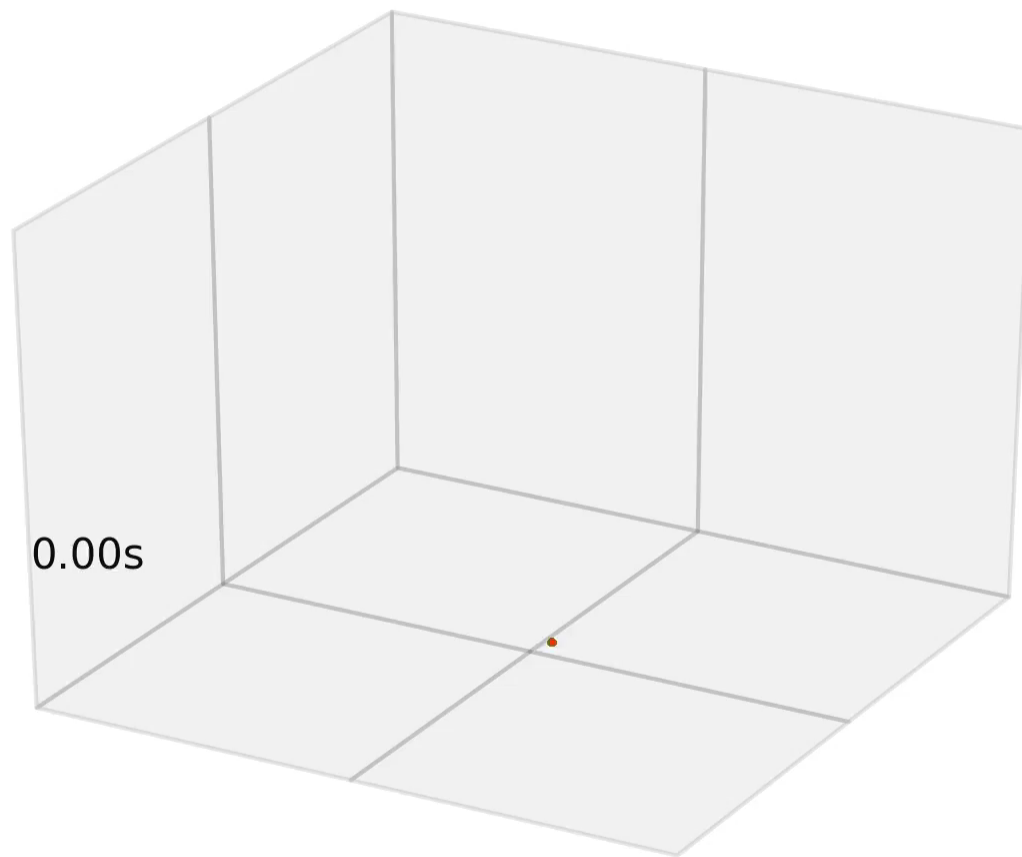
Model outputs



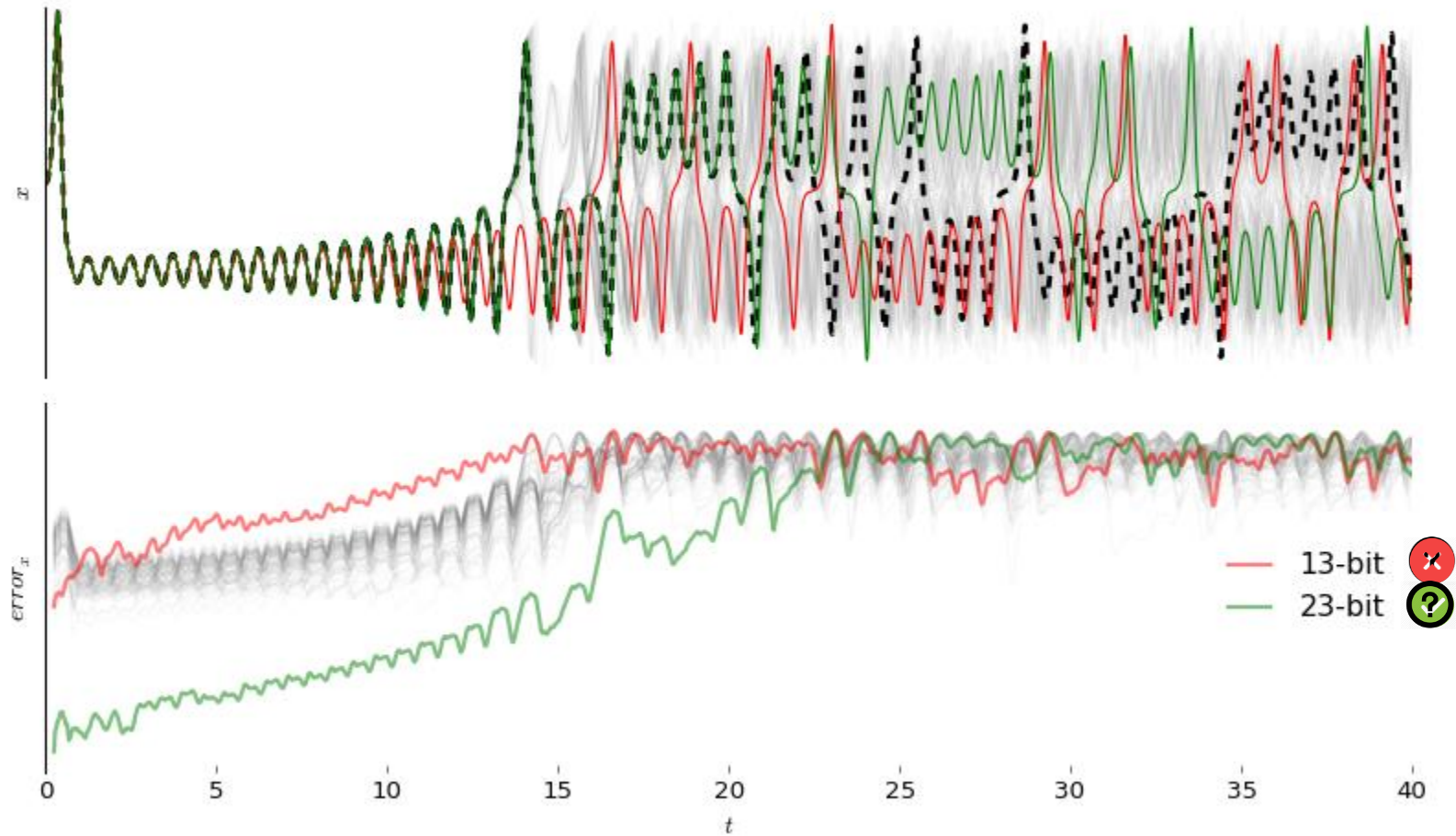
Verifying a non-linear model a simple example

- A simple example:
 - Lorenz system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \sigma(y - x), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x(\rho - z) - y, \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= xy - \beta z.\end{aligned}$$

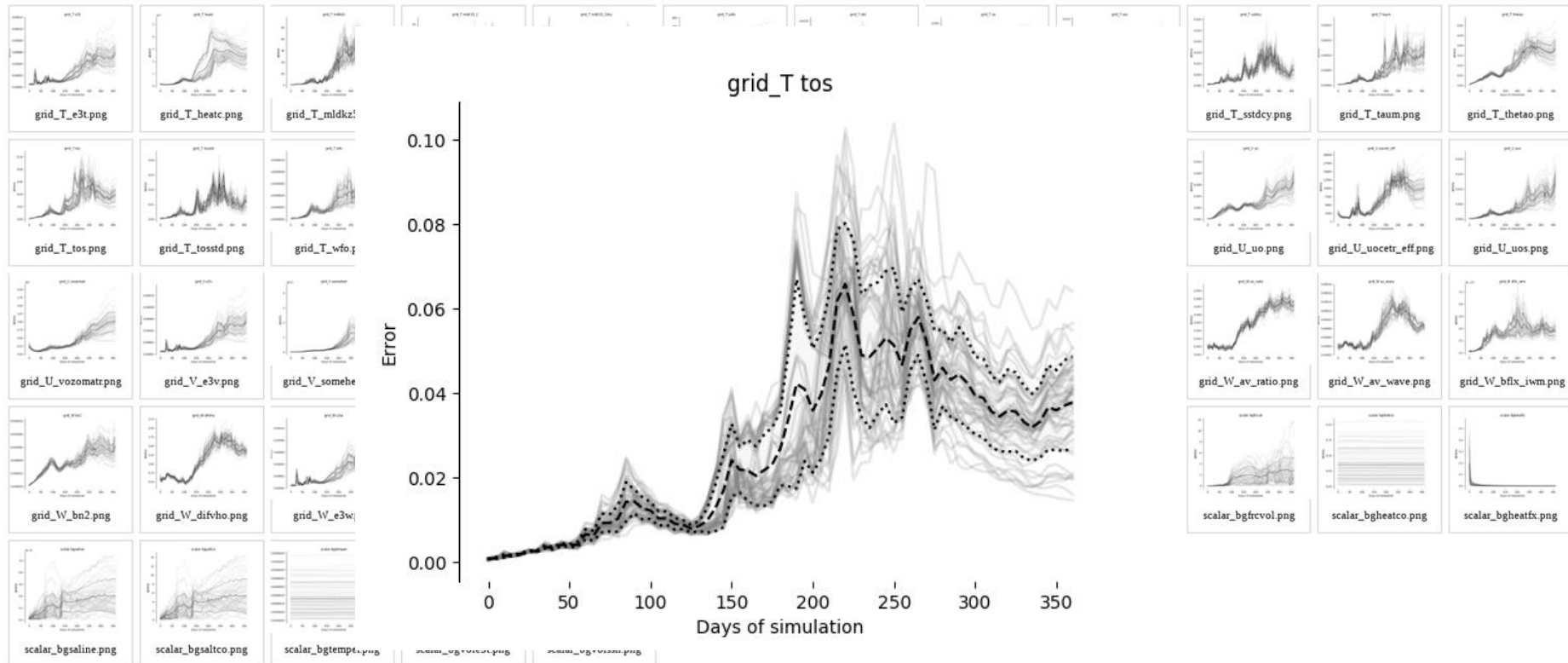


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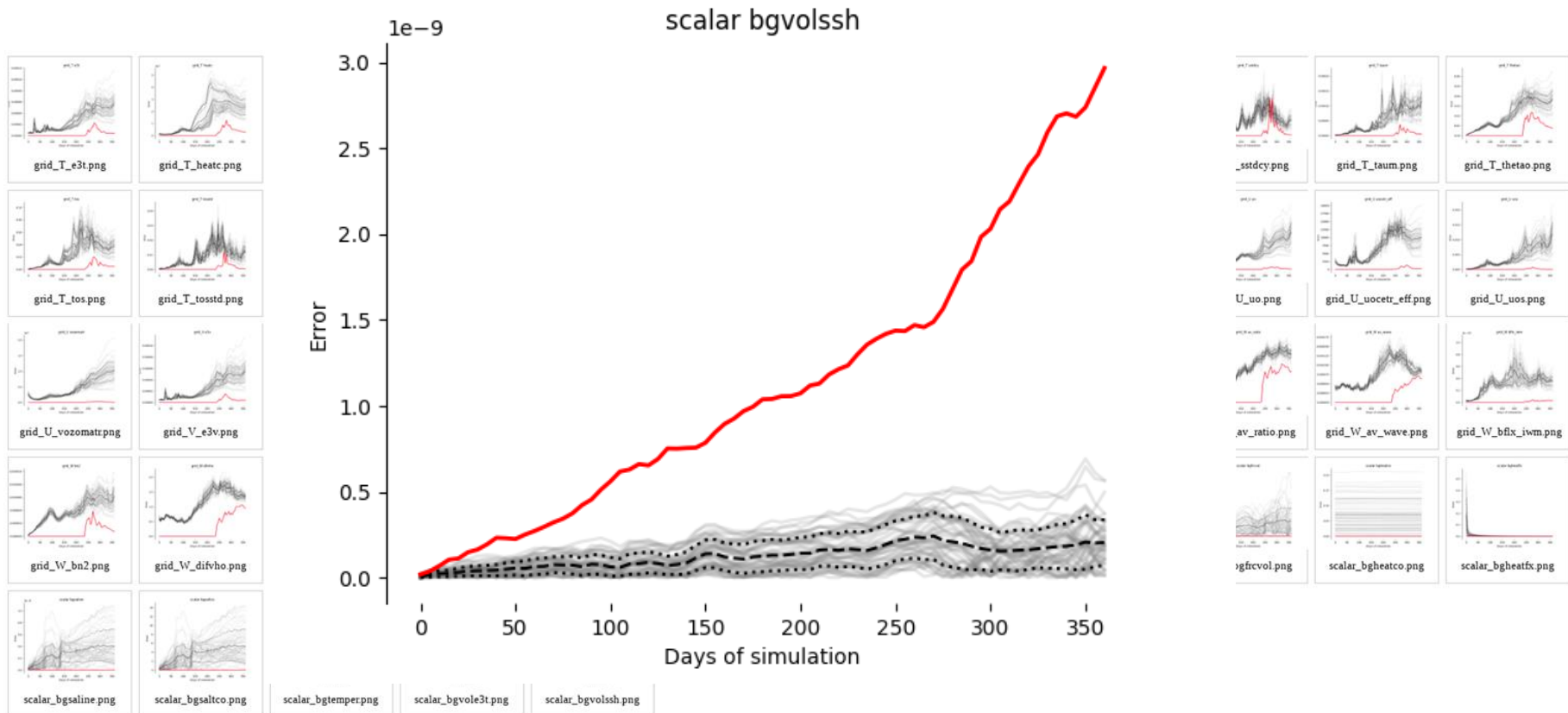
Verifying NEMO

- Initial conditions perturbed with white noise in the 3D temperature field.
- Evaluating 53 output variables.



Verifying NEMO

- Example: Compiling with **-xCORE-avx512**



Analysis Algorithm

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Analysis Algorithm

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Analysis Algorithm

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Variable 4 must be kept in double-precision.

Analysis algorithm: How is it implemented?

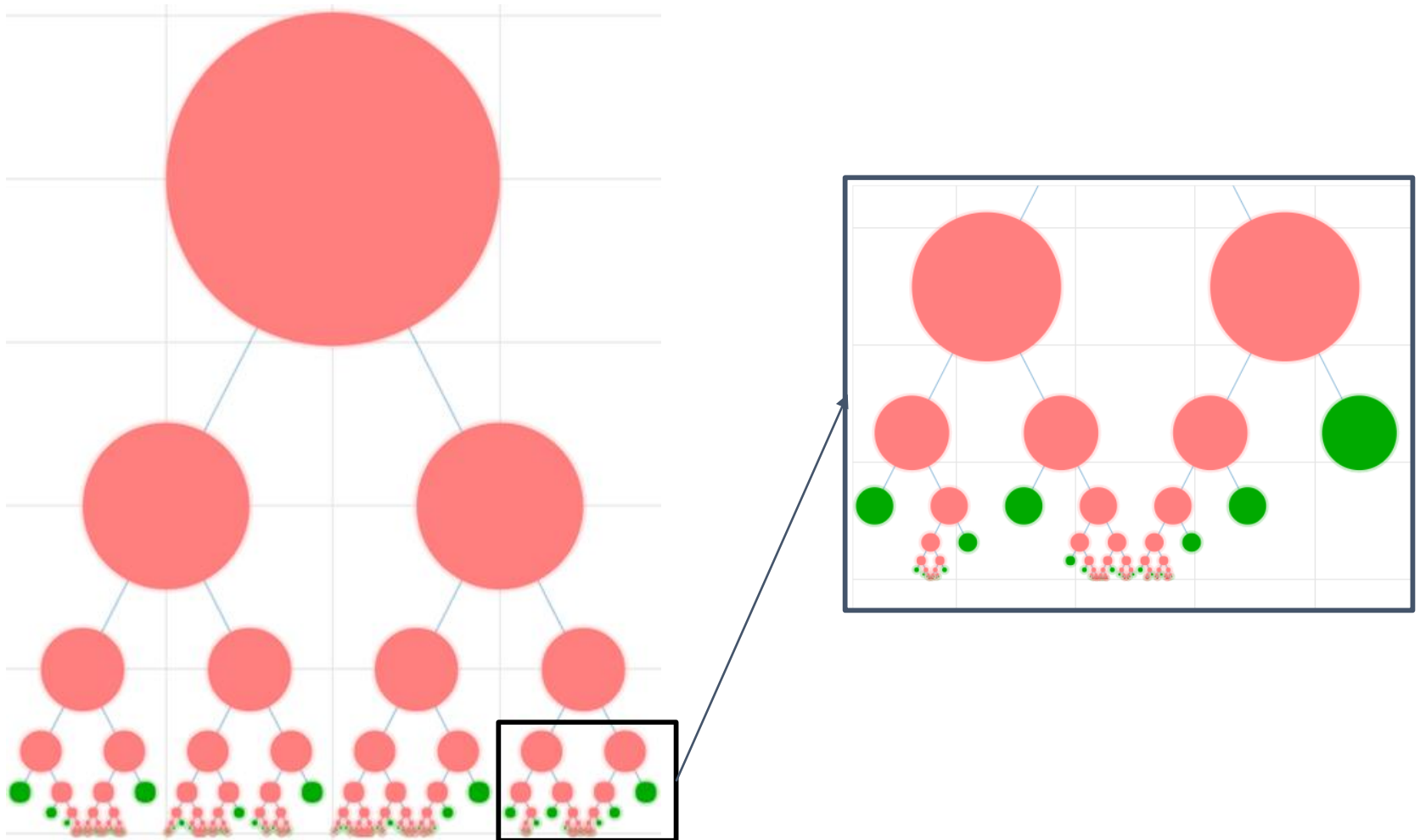
Implementation done in Python:

- **class** Job(variable_set):
 - Submit job to remote machine.
 - Check job status.
 - Evaluate success.
 - Expand subgroups. [0 1 2 3 4] [5 6 7 8 9]
 - Check subgroups.

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PENDING	
RUNNING	
SUSPENDED	
SUCCESS	
FAIL	

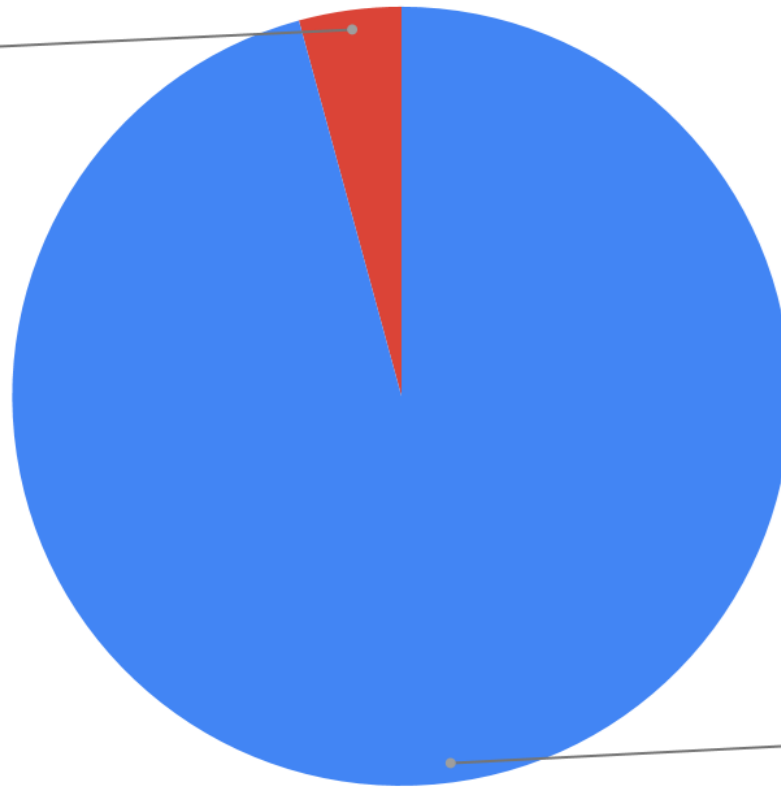
Precision Analysis



Results

Results

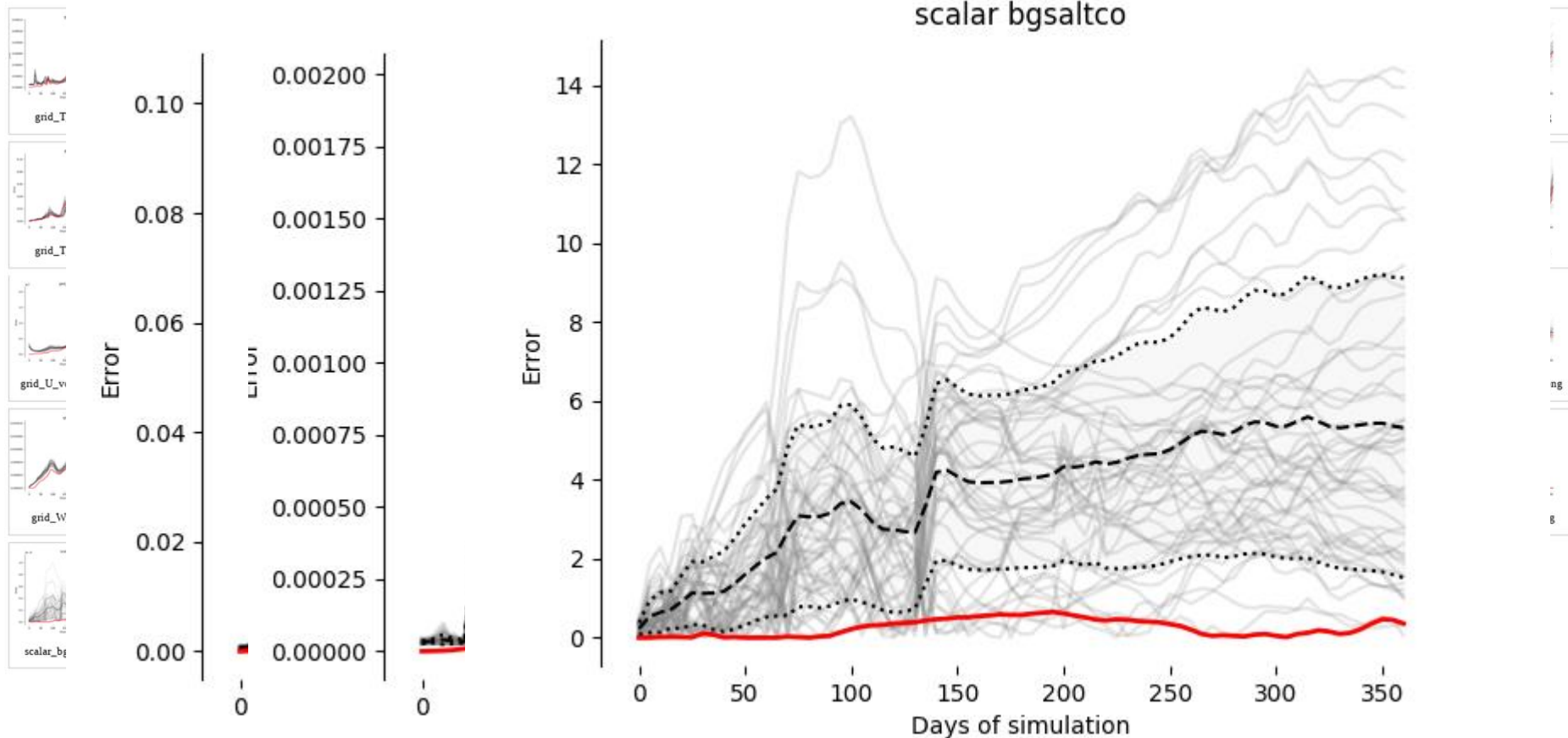
Double Precision
4.2%



Single Precision
95.8%

Results

- Verifying results.



Contributions

- Performance analysis and optimization
 - Detecting, analyzing and optimizing MPI communication bottlenecks in Earth System models - Published at Journal of Computational Sciences
- Domain decomposition optimization
 - Optimizing domain decomposition in an ocean model: the case of NEMO - Presented at ICCS 2017, published at the proceedings.
- Verifying non-linear models
 - Discriminating accurate results in nonlinear models. - Submitted to WCES @ HPCS 2019
- Numerical precision analysis for Earth Science models
 - How to use mixed precision in Ocean Models - Final stages of revision at Geoscientific Model Development

Future Plans

- Finish the thesis during this academic year.



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